

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE •

26. An aggregate sum of Rs 88.19 lakhs has been provided in the budget estimates of the next year for expenditure on the following Capital Schemes :—

Non-productive works.

		Rs.
Water supply schemes	...	13.22 lakhs.
Drainage Schemes	...	8.92 „
Town Planning Scheme	...	3.58 „
Miscellaneous works	...	7.78 „
Total	...	33.50 lakhs.

Productive Schemes under Debt Heads.

Pallivasal Hydro Electric Scheme	...	31.30 lakhs.
Telephone — Trunk line	...	5.99 „
Ceramic Factory	...	1.35 „
Broadcasting	...	1.50 „
Commercial Transport	...	4.15 „
Other Electrical Schemes	...	1.24 „
Total	...	45.53 lakhs

Loan to the Cochin Harbour authorities towards the 4th stage works	...	9.16 „
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Grand total ... 88.19 lakhs.

I shall now proceed to explain the more important ones.

Water Works and Drainage.

27. *Willington Water Works—1st and 2nd Stage and Supplemental Works.* The 1st stage works are nearing completion and the accounts are being closed urgently. Under the 2nd stage works, the laying of mains over a length of 42 miles has been completed. The total length of mains laid under the 1st and 2nd stages till now is about 120 miles. The reconstruction of the Water Works Division Office has been completed and the building occupied on 10-1-1113. Due to the early setting in of the monsoon and the incessant rains and the consequent floods in the river at Aruvikarai, the construction of bathing ghats could not be proceeded with and completed. The total amount of expenditure at the end of the current year is expected to stand at Rs 57.40 lakhs. The next year's provision under

this head is Rs 11.04 lakhs. The amount of contribution recoverable from the Municipality for the year 1114, according to the arrangements already arrived at, is Rs 90,000.

28. *Water Supply Schemes to mofussil towns.* —

(1) *Nagercoil.* Against the sanctioned estimate of Rs 16.85 lakhs under the scheme, the expenditure to the end of the current year is expected to stand at Rs 7.22 lakhs nearly. The acquisition of lands for the work has been completed and works commenced. Foundation work connected with the construction of Dam and Head works has been started and the construction of the Low Level Reservoir has been put in hand. The supply of Hume Steel Pipes for the Gravitation Main and the Asbestos Cement Pipes for the Town Distribution System is in progress. The next year's provision for this item is Rs 6.53 lakhs.

(2) *Alleppey and Shencottah.* In these cases also, the works have commenced and are making good progress. Provision to the extent of Rs 4.33 lakhs and Rs 1.25 lakhs respectively has been made for 1114 for these items and it is expected that water will be made available by about the close of 1114.

29. *Water Supply to pilgrims at Sabarimala.* — The question of providing good drinking water to the pilgrims who congregate in large numbers at Sabarimala during the Makaravilakku festival had been engaging the attention of Government for some time past. A reconnaissance survey was conducted and the feasibility of pumping water from the Pumba River at the foot of the Sabarimala Hills up to the temple premises, a distance of about a mile and a half, investigated. The initial cost of the scheme is estimated at Rs. 38,000 and the annual recurring charge between Rs 150 and Rs 200. It is proposed to start the work and have it completed soon so as to make water available to pilgrims at the next Makaravilakku festival. The expenditure is debitable to Devaswom Fund budget.

30. *Drainage Scheme, Trivandrum.* — Sewer laying work for an aggregate length of 20 miles with the manholes and house branches on them has been completed. The construction of the Pumping Station at the Kurjathi Ela is expected to commence shortly. The provision for the next year under this item is Rs 8.52 lakhs, and besides this, a sum of Rs 25,000 is also provided for Sanitary Installation in Government Buildings.

A provision of Rs. 40,000 has also been included for a Drainage Scheme for the Alleppey Town.